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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for ads and fast food. Offerings were sufficient to limited with numerous plants in the south either down or running part time schedules as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Floor stocks covered the full range. Power outages, high bird losses, and floods were still prevalent. Also, transportation was effected by the hurricane causing disruptions in deliveries and higher fuel prices. In the parts structure, trading was fair, and market conditions continued to be assessed and monitored. Breast items were sufficient to better balanced, wings and dark meat were close to very tight, and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 75.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.00 cents last year on September 1, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	149.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00
LEG QUARTERS	47.00
WINGS	88.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady based on limited availability due to Hurricane Katrina. Market conditions were still being monitored as reports of plant closures/reductions, floods, bird losses, and power outages continue to affect deliveries, production, and availability in locations that were in the hurricane's path. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight, and often sought due to increased need for product, plant closures, and loss of product from damaged storage facilities. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs and were affected by disruptions in production due to weather conditions in the Southern areas. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to balanced. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings remained light as several southern states plants continued limited operations. Movement through retail and food service channels was mixed, slow to moderate, best into retail features. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to light. Several cooperators noted increased fuel cost, tightening transportation and ice supplies, and the seeking of other sources of chicken as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Wings and dark meat cuts were very limited in supply and offerings, and breast items were adequate to in close balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat and wings, and steady to fully steady on breast items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was fully steady. Offerings and deliveries continued disrupted by hurricane aftereffects. Retailer demand good to cover the Labor Day weekend. Floor stocks currently adequate.

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 27, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 27, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 27, 2005 were 5.98 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 08/27/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	211,406	210,468	0	
CHICKS PLACED	174,028	175,177	-01	

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Oct-05 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 161.9 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.44 cents per pound.

AUGUST 30, 2005

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 31, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	421	125.00-145.00	127-132	130.06
TENDERLOINS	89	130.00-202.00	-	134.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	569	43.00-45.00	-	44.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	292	82.00-90.00	84-87	85.25
WINGS (CUT)	275	100.00-102.00	-	101.16
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-71.00	-	59.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	116.00-122.00	-	120.50

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	471	125.00-145.00	127-132	129.73
TENDERLOINS	139	132.00-202.00	132-136	136.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	43.00-45.00	-	44.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	83.00-91.00	84-87	85.32
WINGS (CUT)	255	100.00-103.00	-	102.33
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-71.00	-	59.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	118.00-122.00	-	121.00

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.75 - 54.00	51.37	49.75-54.50	50.90	52.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers continue to assess market conditions in the aftermath of the weather conditions that hampered parts of the South. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate and noted as in better balance than last week. Leg items and wings were in good balance to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs. Other items were generally steady to at least steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 30, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	134.66	584,800
TENDERLOINS	135	133.61	211,591
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	88.47	55,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.22	81,000
LEGS	61-62	62.27	153,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.69	292,752
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	58.57	132,260
THIGHS	53-54	58.52	80,720
B/S THIGHS	121-122	113.03	83,060
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	87.91	133,870
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	16,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	34.30	6,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.37	19,480

AUGUST 31, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.62	488,120
TENDERLOINS	135-140	126.18	109,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.27	56,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.00	90,000
LEGS	61-62	66.71	91,140
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.95	293,880
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	59.72	84,360
THIGHS	54-55	54.54	79,230
B/S THIGHS	122-123	119.30	54,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	89.16	150,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.21	17,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	35.46	18,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.05	17,400

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
Alabama	4,035	3,919	3,846	4,882	5.22
Arkansas	5,390	5,403	5,324	5,974	5.15
Delmarva	2,272	2,313	2,292	2,804	5.41
KY-LA-TN	2,166	2,171	1,907	2,051	4.67
Miss***	Storm	Storm	1,900	3,445	5.52
North Car	2,534	2,546	2,454	3,252	6.42
Texas	2,517	2,508	2,523	2,582	5.16
Total	18,914	18,860	20,246	24,990	5.34
Mon-Wed	58,343(A)				5.28

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Aug-05 is estimated to be 28,297,000 head down 13.68 percent from a week ago and down 25.43 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,781,000, last year 37,946,000)

*** Due to disruptions resulting from Hurricane Katrina complete numbers cannot be published at this time, therefore any comparisons would be invalid. Complete information will be made available when possible.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/03/05 (1)	08/27/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	149,518 (2)	169,236
Light hens	1,306	1,469
Heavy hens	1,324	1,535
Total	152,148	172,240

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Sep-05 is 163.7 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 149.8 million head or 13.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Sep-05 the estimated available is 165.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/29/05	118,073	52,120
AM 08/01/05	118,501	47,724
CHG	-428	4,396
PCT CHG	0	9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/29/05	08/22/05	08/30/04	08/29/05	08/22/05	08/30/04
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES						
	4,895	5,000	20,988	4,485	4,746	5,344
	144	156	364	2,246	2,347	3,870

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2005

	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
HENS	74-80	
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/30/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.75	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.60	.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.25	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.60	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.10	1.50	1.34	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.65	1.16	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	1.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	50						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 26, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	77.77	158.88	112.89	25.09	12.54	73.17
High	89.89	167.24	117.07	29.27	20.90	73.17
Mostly	85.71	163.06	117.07	25.09	16.72	73.17
SAN JUAN						
Low	81.11	154.69	112.89	20.90	12.54	71.08
High	89.05	158.88	117.07	29.27	20.90	71.08
Mostly	85.71	158.88	112.89	25.09	16.72	71.08
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	81.11	154.69	112.89	20.90	12.54	72.33
High	89.89	163.06	117.07	29.27	16.72	72.33
Mostly	85.71	158.88	112.89	25.09	12.54	72.33
BECERRA						
Low	82.78	167.24	117.07	25.09	12.54	76.93
High	89.89	175.60	121.25	29.27	20.90	76.93
Mostly	89.89	167.24	121.25	29.27	20.90	76.93

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactory. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 67 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady and was being affected by major disruptions in production and shipping channels in other areas. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared, and where available, they were generally held with a degree of confidence.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE 63-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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